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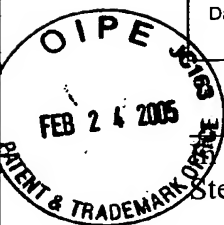
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Re Patent Application of:
Stephen Naylor *et al.*

Application No.: 10/773442

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For: REMOVAL OF PROTEINS FROM A SAMPLE

Examiner: Melanie J. Yu

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

MS Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed January 24, 2005.

The Examiner has required restriction between the following inventions in the above-identified application:


- I. Claims 1-8 and 12-18 are drawn to a method for depleting a sample of at least three proteins, classified in class 435, subclass 7.1.
- II. Claims 9-11 are drawn to an apparatus for analyzing a sample of molecules, classified in class 422, subclass 50.
- III. Claim 19 and 23-30 is drawn to a device for removing a protein from a sample, classified in class 422, subclass 50.
- IV. Claims 20-22 are drawn to a device for depleting a sample of at least three proteins comprising an immunoaffinity chromatography surface, classified in class 436, subclass 518.

Applicant believes no fee is due with this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 12-0080, under Order No. BG9-007, from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

Accordingly, Applicant(s) hereby elect(s) Group III, Claims 19 and 23-30 for continued examination.

Dated: February 24, 2005

Respectfully submitted,

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